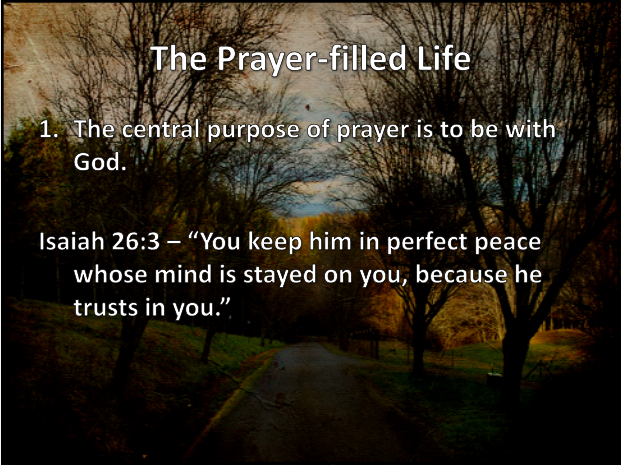


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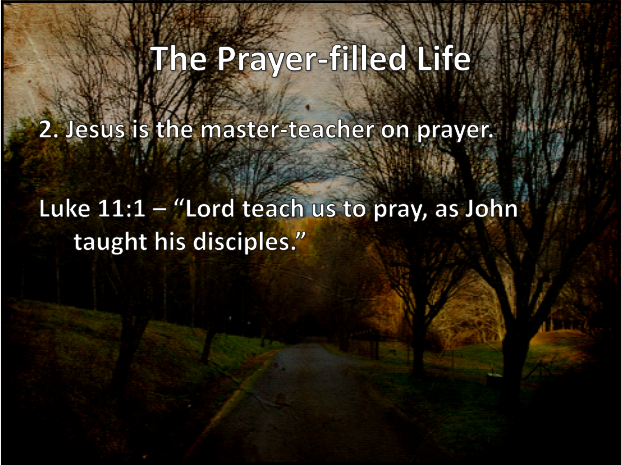
Isaiah 26:3 – “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”



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2. Jesus is the master-teacher on prayer.

Luke 11:1 – “Lord teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

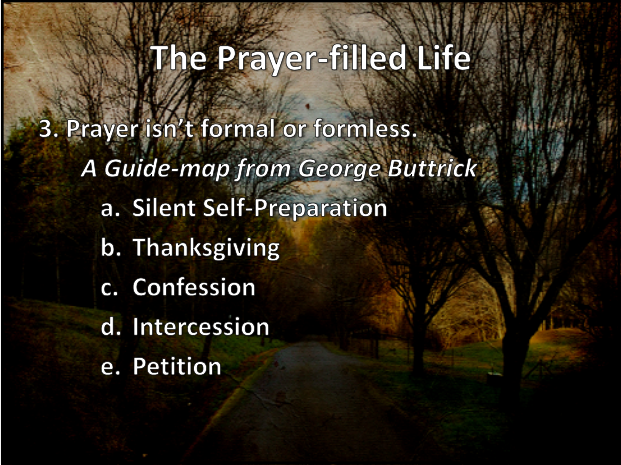


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3. Prayer isn't formal or formless.

A Guide-map from George Buttrick

- a. Silent Self-Preparation
- b. Thanksgiving
- c. Confession
- d. Intercession
- e. Petition



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5. Schedule appointments with God.

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6. Be all ear for God.



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7. Prayer is unveiling.



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8. Prayer is incipient action.



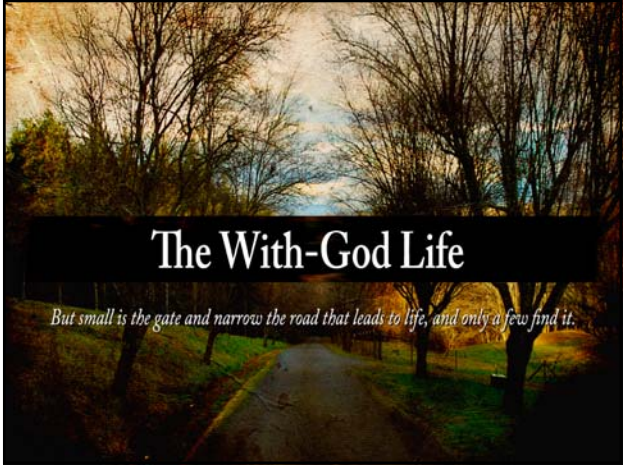
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9. We pray more than we think we do.



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10. The best way to learn to pray is by praying.



The With-God Life

But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

